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PATENT

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Ira Cecil Felkner, *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1623
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including August 19, 2002 for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 19, 2002. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 200.00 is enclosed herewith.
[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 200061.0020) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
[] Extension fee in the amount of \$____.00.
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